

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application. Claims 2-13, and 15-20 have been objected to for informalities. Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter.

By this Amendment, claims 8-13 have been deleted without prejudice for filing in a continuation application. Claims 1-7 and 14-20 remain pending in the application after this Amendment.

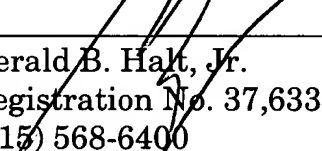
With respect to the claim objections and rejections, the Applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 14-16 and 18-20 to cure the informalities noted by the Examiner.

With respect to the rejection of claim 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite regarding insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation "set symbol" in line 12, the Applicants respectfully disagree. The line to which the Examiner refers, (in step e) includes the terminology "each of said symbols of said group". The group is defined at step b which includes the terminology "defining a group of symbols". Applicants respectfully submit that there is clear antecedent basis in claim 14 as currently amended.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the presently claimed invention in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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